

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery

Heart Valve Summit 2014

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Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel
Chicago, IL, USA

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Heart disease accounts for more fatalities than any other single cause or group of causes of death in the United States. Valvular heart disease, affecting over 5 million individuals in the United States alone, can be congenital or acquired and may or may not be symptomatic for patients. Although national Guidelines inform the care, controversies in care within advancing technological and medical arenas demand collaborative methods of diagnosis and strategies for medical, surgical, and interventional management.

The American College of Cardiology and the American Association for Thoracic Surgery are once again partnering to bring together cardiologists and surgeons in a cooperative, case-based course to address the rapid advances in the treatment of valvular heart disease. With the tradition of interactivity and practical decision making, the unique Heart Valve Summit is designed to engage participants in discussions, debates, and potential controversies surrounding real-world cases with renowned faculty on the cutting edge of clinically relevant data for valvular heart disease management.

This interdisciplinary course emphasizes clinical decision making while combining the most relevant medical, surgical, and interventional options for patient care. Tools for management are rapidly advancing and can significantly impact the entire care team. Breakout sessions for cardiologists, cardiac surgeons, nurses, and physician assistants are designed to help specialists manage their unique challenges from a team perspective.

Target Audience

This course is intended for cardiologists, interventional cardiologists, cardiothoracic surgeons, internists, nurses, physician assistants, and all health care professionals involved in the evaluation, diagnosis, and/or management of patients with valvular heart disease.

Register and Reserve Housing at <http://www.cardiosource.org/HeartValve2014>

AATS Award Applications

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July 2014 Deadlines

Third Alton Ochner Research Scholarship 2015–2017 provides an opportunity for research, training, and

experience for North American surgeons committed to pursuing an academic career in cardiothoracic surgery.

- Research program must be undertaken within the first three years after completion of an approved North American cardiothoracic residency.
- Applications for the scholarship must be submitted during the candidate's first two years in an academic position.
- The scholarship will begin July 1, 2015, and conclude on July 1, 2017.
- The Scholarship provides an annual stipend of \$80,000 per year paid to the host institution for direct salary support and related research expenses.

Deadline: July 1, 2014

Evarts A. Graham Memorial Traveling Fellowship, 2015–2016 grants support for training of international surgeons who have been regarded as having the potential for later international thoracic surgical leadership.

- Candidate must be a non-North American who plans a cardiothoracic surgery training program in a North American center and who has not had extensive (exceeding a total of six months in duration) clinical training in North America prior to submitting an application.
- Candidate should have completed his/her formal training in general surgery and in thoracic and cardiovascular surgery, but should not have reached a senior position.
- The Fellowship provides a stipend of \$75,000 US, a major portion of which is intended for living and travel expenses incurred when visiting other medical centers.

Deadline: July 1, 2014

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